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there or you don't eat. What would you think of a law like that, Senator?

SENATOR HEFNER: Well, I think that is a lot different than what we are talking here.

SENATOR HIGGINS: It's the principle, it's the same. You either...

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Higgins, you do not sell liquor at our truck stops.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Well, I didn't mention liquor. I said a hamburger. Thank you, Senator Hefner. So we are talking about the same principle. Senator Hefner wouldn't like a law that says, no carry out at his business. Senator Hefner wouldn't want to see a law that says, you may not take money from Marge Higgins and go to his truck stop and get a six-pack of Pepsi Cola or you are going to be in violation of the law.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Half minute.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I want you to think about that, Senators. That is what this is really all about. Create a monopoly. Don't let anybody else in on the action. Keep it all among ourselves. Forget all that folderol about charitable acts. Lots of businesses do charity but they don't do it in order to remain a monopoly. If there is a kill motion on this bill, I suggest in the interest of private enterprise and not running people out of business, legitimate businesses that have been said they are legitimate by the Nebraska Supreme Court, the Supreme Court says they are legitimate. Now you want to put them out of business, especially those people who say, we want to encourage business in Nebraska, we believe in private enterprise? I don't think so. I can't vote to put any honest working man out of business just so these big racetracks can have a monopoly. Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, colleagues.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Pappas.